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FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK:

Hello friends,

The approaching new year has found us renewed and refreshed at the ministry. With many new projects on the horizon, we already know God has great things in store for this next year.

Not long ago, I did a short video titled “What is Time?” That caused me to reflect just a bit more about the entire concept of time. Have you ever looked back on a year and wondered where the time went? It seemed as if the year had been squeezed into only 6 months?

God is, of course, outside of time. One of the first acts of Creation was the formation of “time” as we know it. That’s what Genesis 1:1 meant by “In the Beginning...” This origin of time was set in motion so that we could conceive and appreciate the passage of it. If God hadn’t created the luminous bodies, like the sun and stars, then we wouldn’t be able to easily measure the space of hours or days. We would still feel the passage of those hours and know that they were there, but they would be hard to quantify. Without the sun, we might be forced to quantify a day as “how long it takes for 8 tall candles to burn out.”

What about an hour? Perhaps we would all be employing little terrariums with snails, and say that an hour was the time it takes for a Decollate snail to cross from one end of the

terrarium to the other!

Then again, if you had a fast snail, or a slow-burning candle, your measurement of time would be all off.

We have a pretty dependable set of natural clocks (the sun, moon, and stars) that allow us to tell approximate days, months, and even years without ever having to look at the clock on the wall. While some civilizations invented things like the hourglass and sundial, the smallest measurement of time for many Native Americans 200 years ago was a “sleep” or “day.”

Now that we can use the transition of Caesium atoms to calculate time to the micro-second, the sun’s day-night cycle might now seem almost passé but when I think about how the Lord knew that we would benefit from an easy way to keep track of time, it reminds me that He thought of everything.

Not only that, but if we lived on Mercury, there would be 58 “earth days” between each light/dark cycle. A 1,392 hour day! You

might get a lot accomplished at work in a day, but I can’t help feeling exhausted considering how long I’d be awake before I was able to bury my head in a pillow that night.

Speaking of time, we’re reminded of a time in the future when the sun, moon, and stars will no longer be needed - a new heaven and a new earth are formed, and as we shed these mortal bodies, we step out of the “time-space” that we’ve lived in since the Garden of Eden, into an eternity where there is no passage of time.

Deep? Yes... but that’s just the awesome God that we serve. Now, sit back, relax, and enjoy this edition of the Creation Club Magazine. We spent a lot of “time” curating it!

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HOW DO WE SEE? - DAVID RIVES

Eyes have been called the “windows to the soul” because we use them to express emotion and they are quite beautiful. These are secondary functions but still very important. Our eye’s most important function, of course, is giving us vision. So how does this work?

We have two lenses, called the cornea and lens proper, which work much like lenses on a camera, only much better. These lenses form in the womb when embryonic skin turns into a clear window.

The normal blood vessels, hair, and sweat glands that grow in your skin are missing from this small area, though it’s filled with sensitive nerves. These lenses change shape depending on the available light and can automatically adjust over a range of 10 billion to one!

Twelve muscles, six for each eye, control the movement of our eyes and lenses. If these muscles or our eyes were even slightly misaligned we would see double. It’s as if our eyes have been designed with incredible precision!

The cornea catches the light bouncing off objects and it travels to the pupil, a round hole in our eye. The iris, the colored part of your eye, regulates the amount of light allowed into the pupil by opening and closing. Now, this changes the size of the pupil.

The light then goes to the lens proper which is flexible and focuses the light on our retina, a thin layer of tissue with

millions of light-sensing nerve cells called rods and cones. These cells convert light into electrical impulses which travel up the optic nerve to be understood by the brain.

Whew! That’s quite the process! All that happens without you having to “bat an eyelash,” so to speak.

Now, some proponents of Darwinian evolution will argue that the human eye is actually an inefficient design despite its superiority to any man-made camera, its self-cleaning and self-repairing equipment, and its precision.

The argument goes this way: we have an inverted retina so the light has to pass through several layers before it gets to the photo receptors. But if our eyes had been designed without these extra layers, our retinas would be more easily damaged by bright light and heat.

Sure, we might be able to see in the dark better, but daytime sunlight might be almost painful, so, the design we have is actually the best one.

I believe that we were created with purpose, and that the God of the Bible thought of everything! And if you want to see better in the dark, don’t look to evolution to help you adapt over the next million years - That’s what carrots are for.

I’m David Rives...Truly the heavens declare the glory of God.



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DOES THE BIBLE REALLY PRESENT A SIX-MILLENNIA-OLD EARTH?

BY JACK BURTON

Overview

It has been my experience that many Christians today do not fully appreciate the importance of understanding why the Book of Genesis, the Creation account, and the biblical age of the earth are so critical to their Christian walk and witness.

In this article we will examine three (3) means by which we can clearly and easily conclude that the Bible teaches us of a young earth by its very record.

The Literal Creation Account

In Genesis 1 we read six times the expression “the evening and the morning” coupled with the word “day”, clearly denoting six specific 24-hour time periods – not unknown periods of indefinite lengths.

Regarding the use of the word ‘day’ (‘yom’ in Hebrew), Dr. Tin Wang, Hebrew Scholar and Lecturer in Biblical Hebrew at Stanford University writes:

‘In Genesis 1, yôm comes with “evening” and “morning”, and is modified by a number.

So it’s obvious that the Hebrew text is describing a 24-hour day—the exegetical burden of proof rests crushingly upon those who view otherwise (notice too that in Jeremiah 33:17–22, God’s covenant with the day and the night, so that both will come at the appointed time, is as unalterable as the promise that a son of David will reign). But no amount of evidence will convince those who are persuaded to play devil’s advocate—just like

the serpent in Genesis 3, they must ask, “Did God really say?”

Furthermore, when a Christian questions the order of the entry of sin and death into the world (i.e. siding with the evolutionary view that millions of years of death occurred before man first sinned), that person is demonstrating a lack of understanding of the Scriptures which clearly teach that it was ONE MAN’S SIN that first brought DEATH into a world without death (Romans 5:12).

Likewise, the purpose for the atoning work of Christ then was to offer eternal life to all of mankind who, since that FIRST SIN by the ONE MAN, Adam, has ever since been born under the curse of sin (Romans 5:17-19).

Therefore, the accuracy and efficacy of the Literal Creation Account is tied inseparably to mankind’s need for Salvation and the Person and Work of the Lord Jesus Christ who was prepared as the Lamb slain for our sins BEFORE Creation (Revelation 13:8)...

...TO READ THE REST OF THIS ARTICLE, visit: <http://thecreationclub.com/does-the-bible-really-present-a-six-millennia-old-earth-dr-jack-l-burton/>



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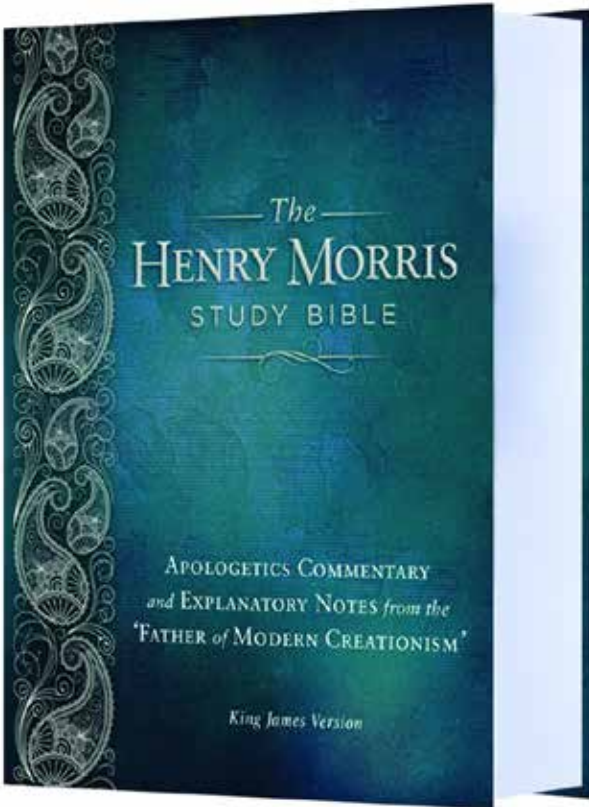
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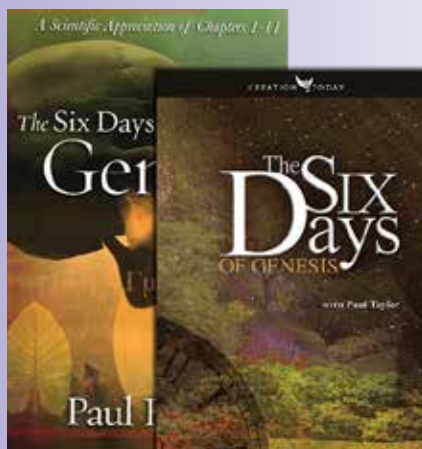
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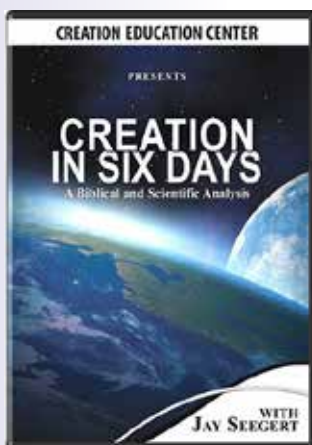
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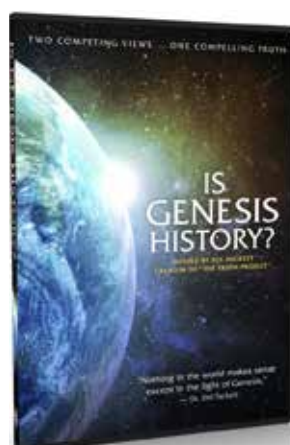
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ICE AGE JURASSIC PARK

A cave lion cub was recently found almost perfectly preserved in Siberian permafrost. This little cub was probably born around the time of the Ice Age, shortly after the global flood, and preserved in the permafrost. The little cub was frozen with its head resting on a paw, just six to eight weeks after it was born. This little creature is very well preserved, including all limbs and a wealth of detail. Researchers think they have even found traces of the mother’s milk. They do not know for sure if it’s male or female yet, but the Russian research group plans to take at least three years to study it. Since this is the best-preserved cub of its species found to date, scientists have talked about attempting to clone it. Any time the topic of cloning fossil creatures comes up, people think of the classic Jurassic Park movies and debate ensues. Will they be able to successfully clone it if they try? We will know more with more time. - Sara J. Mikkelson

SiberianTimes.com, Nov 2017

ANTARCTIC FOREST?

Can you imagine that Antarctica, now a land of frozen desolation, was once a tropical paradise? Hard to picture isn’t it? But that’s just what the fossil record points to. Scientists have discovered the “oldest” polar forest on record. These trees, known as the genus Glossopteris, grew anywhere from 65-130 feet tall! The tentative evolutionary date is around 280 million years. These trees are buried in ash and are so well-preserved that some of the amino acid building blocks that made up the trees’ proteins can still be extracted!

Starting from a Biblical worldview, we would expect massive trees and forests in the pre-flood paradise. These forests would have been buried rapidly in the catastrophic event of Noah’s Flood and then frozen and covered by snow and ice in the post-flood Ice Age. - David Mikkleson

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Why should you believe in creation, and not evolution? I mean, scientifically speaking. Haven't we proven that evolution is a fact?

Over one million years ago modern humans arrived on the planet, or so the evolutionary story goes. Now have you ever wondered where all the people are if humans have been around for over a million years?

If we assume a really, really slow growth rate of just .01%—a population that doubles every 7,000 years as opposed to 39 years like it does today—in just one million years the number of people on earth could be 10 to the 43rd power. That's an unimaginably large number that earth could not even begin to sustain.

Now, some evolutionists will say that wars, famine, disease, and high infant mortality rates have kept the population on the verges of extinction until relatively modern times.

But, if this rather incredible story is true, where are all the human remains? We supposedly have a handful of human remains that have survived the ravishes of hundreds of millions of years, but why aren't there more? If evolution is true, there should be many more human remains to account for the billions of individuals who have died. And even if we don't find human remains, we should find artifacts they left behind or were buried with. Yet, we simply don't find evidence that billions and billions of people have lived and died over the

supposed last million years.

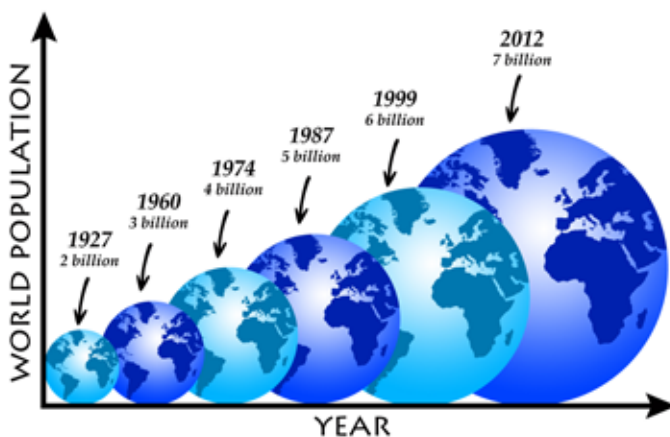
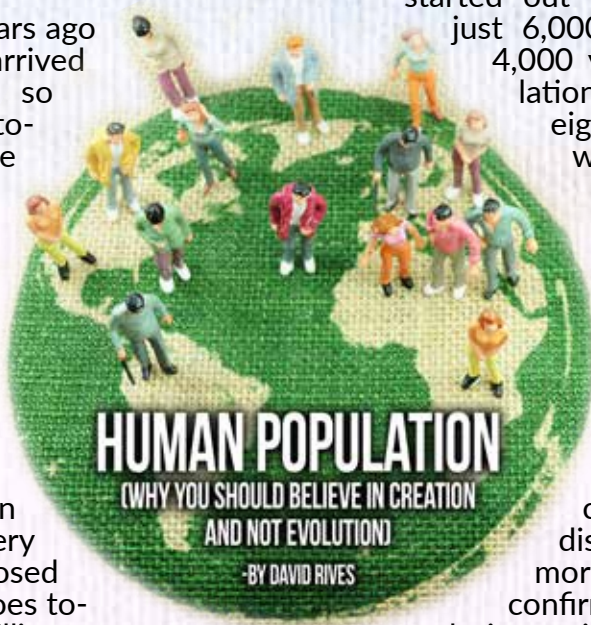
But what happens when we start with God's Word? Well, the human population started out with two individuals just 6,000 years ago. Around 4,000 years ago, the population was reduced to just eight at the time of the worldwide Flood.

Now, if we start with those eight people and assume a conservative growth rate of just half a percent, we easily get to our modern population today, even taking into account wars, famines, disease, and high infant mortality. The evidence confirms the Bible, not evolutionary ideas about the past.

The data makes a clear case that almost completely precludes the notion of any more than a few thousand years of human existence.

Just one more scientific reason that you shouldn't believe in long ages of evolution. It takes a LOT of faith.

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WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF THE 7 DAY WEEK?

- BY DAVID RIVES

In Exodus chapter 20, we're informed that "in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day"

If we take the Bible at its word, as literal truth, then God decided to stretch the creation of the Universe over a 6 day span. As the all-powerful Creator, He could have finished it in an instant... but he didn't.

As the God of Israel, he doesn't need sleep, so He could have easily chosen not to rest the next day... but he did. Why

make the entire creation event exactly 7 days? He was setting up the weekly cycle!

Think about it: Where do we get the week from?

It's obvious that the month is roughly calculated by the time it takes the moon to go through a complete cycle.

Also very evident is the year, calculated as the approximate time it takes for the sun to return to the same point of the sky, giving us each season.

But the week?

From the creation, this 7 day cycle has been preserved to the present, despite several attempts to alter the pattern.

If we believe the Bible, it makes sense that it was a specially instituted cycle in the beginning. But if there is no God, then why do we have the week?

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| Arabic | الأحد | الاثنين | الثلاثاء | الأربعاء | الخميس | الجمعة | السبت |
| Meaning | First day | Second day | Third day | Fourth day | Fifth day | Gathering day | Day of Rest |

Figure 1 - Days of the Week
in Arabic Tradition

THE ORIGIN OF THE WEEK AND CREATION - BY JAY HALL

David Rives asks a very important question: “Why do we have the week?” He rightly points out that, “From the creation, this 7 day cycle has been preserved to the present, despite several attempts to alter the pattern.”

The number seven is considered special in many cultures. The reciprocal of seven leads to an ellipse. The five visible planets (Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus and Saturn), which travel in an ellipse, plus the sun and moon are considered by some to be the ancient foundation for the days of the week. Is there a better explanation? Clearly, the origin of the days of the week is that God made the world in six days and rested on the seventh.

Some cultures, such as the Japanese, use the elements as the basis for the week. Why should this lead to exactly seven days? Consider the possibilities:

Four days: Earth, Air, Wind, Fire

Five days: Earth, Air, Wind, Fire, Metal

Six days: Earth, Air, Wind, Fire, Metal, Wood etc.

The well-known historian Flavius Josephus (c. 37-100 AD) holds to the “beginning of the world” hypothesis for the origin of the week: “That in just six days the world, and all that is therein, was made. And that the seventh day

was a rest, and a release from the labor of such operations...”

The empirical distribution of cultural heritage favors Josephus’ view. Approximately 55% of the earths’ population belongs to religious traditions that hold that the origin of the week is the Lord’s work of creation in six days plus a day of rest.

In Arabic, the days of the week are seen in figure 1, above.

How does China relate to a seven day week? The seventh day of the Chinese New Year (first lunar month) is known as the “Birthday of Mankind.” According to Chinese folklore, the first human being was made on the seventh day.

Has the Intelligent Designer provided a hint of the near universal seven day week within our own bodies? According to John Boslough, “A number of body-clock watchers believe we also tick to an array of weekly cycles. These regulate changes in body chemicals, the response pattern of the immune system, and a cyclic rise and fall of heartbeat and blood circulation. These rhythms, some chronobiologists believe, may help explain the designation of the seven-day week as a unit of time – the only calendar unit that does not trace its origins to astronomy.”



For references, visit: <http://thecreationclub.com/the-origin-of-the-week-and-creation/>



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MY JOURNEY FROM COMPROMISE TO TRUTH

I became a Christian as a teenager. At the time, I had already been taught in public school that evolution was the way the world was created. I didn't really think much about who created the world; I just took the scientific viewpoint of evolution as the truth. When in college, I attended a chapel presentation about faith and science. The speaker was one of my favorite professors. He stated that faith explains who created the world, and science explains how. According to this point of view, faith and science were not in conflict. It made sense to me at the time. I could still regard evolution as truth and believe in God. It seemed like a good compromise.

Years later, I again found myself in a denomination that advocates for belief in "theistic evolution." Theistic evolution is the term for what I call the "compromised position." It says, in essence, that God used evolution to create the world. At the time, I was actually studying ministry in this denomination.

One day, I found myself lying flat on the floor, praying to God. I was very earnestly seeking the truth about His Word. I felt a deep sense of responsibility to teach others the truth about God. I had studied Biblical Hebrew, New Testament Greek, and Inductive Bible Study by that time. God had equipped me to wrestle with His Word and teach others, so I had "head knowledge." However, I knew there was something else I needed. I believe the Holy Spirit led me to a verse in the Bible that helped change the way I looked at the world. Every Word of God proves true (Proverbs 30:5). This was a starting point in my journey to truth. Since every Word of God is true, what does that say about the word of the world? If I regard the world's "truth" as superior to God's Word, do I really believe that God's Word is true? If I accept the Bible as true regarding

the creation account, then evolution cannot be true. Nowhere in God's Word does it say that humans evolved from animals. Nowhere!

Now I know some people would argue that the creation account is not literal. However, upon examining the text in its original language of Hebrew, there is nothing to indicate that the creation account is NOT literal. In fact, the book of Genesis is historical literature, that is, the book contains a series of events. So, what is the problem? The problem is that Christians have become so influenced by the world they have accepted compromised positions regarding the creation of the world and other issues. The world believes God did not create the world in the way He said He did, and many Christians are uncomfortable with contradicting the world. Even Jesus Himself referred back to Genesis and the creation account. As a Christian, I am a Christ-follower. If Jesus regarded the creation account as true, then shouldn't I? Shouldn't all Christians?

Some would say, "Science has proved evolution to be true." Well, there are many problems with this statement. First, evolution is not a scientific theory but a historical theory. That is really where the conflict lies between evolution and faith. Evolution states everything was created over millions and billions of years. The Bible states God created everything in six days. Second, evolution cannot be proven by the scientific method. Why? Because it cannot be observed and carried into a laboratory for testing. Again, it is just a theory. Actually, science confirms the Bible. For example, we can observe rock formations that could only have been made by water during a catastrophic event, the Global Flood. Still, there are those who insist on believing the compromised position of theistic evolution. It is a nice and neat position, so to speak, because to

lieve this, it fits within their faith the science they believe to be true. They do not have to appear scientifically ignorant if they say God used evolution. I know there was a point in my life where I did not want to look ignorant about science. However, in the process of the Holy Spirit's convicting me about this issue, I learned I would rather be ignorant about man's word than God's Word. The Spirit opened up my eyes to the Scriptures in a whole new light. All of a sudden, it just dawned on me that God wants me to love Him with all my mind (Luke 10:27). That is not to say that I do not study or seek the truth. In fact, loving God with my mind means that I seek His truth even more, and I value the truth of His Word over what people might say about an issue. I am not afraid to stand on the Word of God, even if it makes me appear ignorant to other people. There are some issues in which there should be no compromise.

I do not expect everyone who reads this to agree with me. For me, it took God opening my eyes to the truth about His creation. He worked on my heart and my mind. I know that some people do not like "Creationists" because they think Creationists should not use science to try to prove that the Bible is true. However, these are some of the same people who try to use science to supposedly prove that the Bible is not true. In my experience, it took the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit to see that God's Word is true, and is superior to worldly wisdom. Seeking God's Kingdom first also involves putting His truth first (Matthew 6:33). I am amazed to see how placing His truth about creation first in my life has changed my viewpoint on living a Christian life. I do not have all the answers about everything, and I am still far from perfect, but I know I was created in the image of God, and I was created for a purpose. I also know I am to love God with all of my heart, soul, mind, and strength.



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